

TODAY'S MASS READINGS



First reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly; Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put

into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."' "

The Gospel of the Lord



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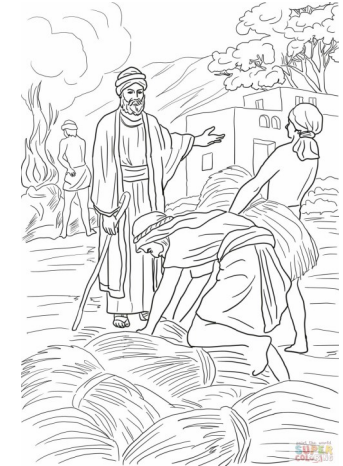
23rd July 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection

In today's gospel story of the parable of the sower. In trying to make the decision to separate the weeds from the wheat, the servants are advised to be careful as to how to proceed.

At times in life it can be hard to make the right decision; we may need help and advice from others. As we reflect upon this gospel we pray for discernment in our own lives. Just as the in the story, may the Lord be with us as a wisdom and guide.



Discernment Prayer

Walk with me, good and loving God, as I journey through life.

May I take Your hand and be led by Your Holy Spirit.

Fill me, inspire me, free me to respond generously to Your call.

For I believe You desire my deepest joy,

And it is only in Your company

That my soul will be satisfied

And my life will find its meaning and purpose. Amen.

Sisters of Notre Dame



Religious Services to attend

Morning Mass (Arles): 10am Tuesday - Friday

Recitation of the Rosary (Arles): 9.30am Tuesday - Friday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday 11am - 1pm (Killeen) & Friday 7.30pm - 8.30pm (Ballylinan)

In Memoriam

We pray for: Bridie Nolan, Oldcourt, who died during the past week.

Anniversaries for 23 July '23

Killeen (9am): John Byrne, Months Mind
John Condron
William & Peggy Ryan
Pat & Willie Warren

Arles (10am): Eileen & Willie Keightley & their daughter Breda Scanlan
Majella Brophy, Maidenhead
(2nd Anniversary)

Ballylinan (8pm): James Davis, Milltown
Andrew Brennan, Carlow
(11.30am): Seamus Morris

Edmund Hogan, The Pike
Tuesday (25th July): Tom & Margaret Delaney & their son Michael.
The Moore family, Farnans

Anniversaries for 30 July '23

Killeen (9am): Michael & John Fitzpatrick
Lily Byrne

Arles (10am): James & Bridget Nash & daughters
Helen Cahill & Patricia McCutcheon.

Ballylinan (8pm):
(11.30am):

Weekly Collections

Sunday 16th July

Arles:	Offertory	€93.15
	Envelope	€247.00
Ballylinan:	Offertory	€224.74
	Envelope	€193.00
Killeen:	Offertory	€132.67
	Envelope	€120.00

A sincere word of thanks to all those who contribute to the upkeep of our parish.



Play, Story, Song and Theatre!

Coming to St Anne's Hall Ballylinan from Tuesday the 8th August until Saturday 12th of August.

This is the place to Have Fun, Build Confidence, Tell Stories, Sing Songs, Role Play and Dream.

Classes are as follows; 4 to 7 years - 9.30 am until 11.30 am, 8 to 11 years 12.00 until 14.00 and 12 years 14.30 until 16.30. Fees are €50 (ask for sibling discount) For further information or to book call/text Fiona on 085 192 1682.

Places are limited so it is advised you book early to avoid disappointment.

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim
and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents
the world over.
Protect them! They are a source
of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience.



Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

Safeguarding

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"Don't quit, and don't give up. The reward is just around the corner. And in times of doubt or times of joy, listen for that still, small voice. Know that God has been there from the beginning and he will be there until . . . The End."

~ J Gaines ~

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat

St. Peters and Paul's Parish Church
Portlaoise



Sat. 29th July 10am to 1.30 pm

Mass (10am) - Confessions available. Retreat continues in old Sacristy (behind Altar) from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm

Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry (Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P)

Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305

All Welcome

Marriage Encounter Weekend



Catholic Marriage Encounter is a Weekend experience for any Sacramentally married couple.

Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and reconnect privately.

Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th November 2023.

At "The Cork International Hotel" Cork.
To book your place visit our website: www.marriageencounter.ie Tel. 087 -2162436



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